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Red Flag kicks off at Nellis

By Staff Sgt. Angel Casaigne, Jr.
Joint Red Flag Joint Information Bureau

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. – The nation's largest integrated exercise involving live and virtual simulations is well underway at locations throughout the United States.

Joint Red Flag is a training exercise for members of all U.S. services and members of coalition partners to enhance operational effectiveness, according to exercise officials. More than 10,000 people are participating in the exercise, primarily at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bliss, Texas; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and here.

A key to the success of the exercise is integrating the live, virtual and constructive aspects under one umbrella.

"The difficult tasks of combining all live, virtual and constructive forces, saving lives and creating a computer-simulated battle plan distributed to sites all across the country is doing great," said Lt. Col. James Murray, 12th Air Force project officer. "This is as good as we could have expected at this point."

Colonel Murray explained that live training re-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

President visits D-M

President George W. Bush, Commander in Chief, waves to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airmen as he steps out of Air Force One Monday. President Bush arrived at D-M before heading into town to speak at the Tucson Convention Center about his Social Security reform plan. For more information on President Bush's visit, see **President visits Davis-Monthan Monday**, Page 4.

Davis-Monthan hosts airshow for community, Tucsonans

By 355th Wing Public Affairs

More than 4,000 Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base have teamed up to ensure the success of Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 April 2 and 3.

"This year's airshow is going to be fantastic," said Capt. David Moreland, Thunderbird number 11 pilot. "You'll see leading edge technology being maintained and operated at the razor's sharp edge of performance. You'll see the same precision on the

ground that you will witness in the sky."

Opening ceremonies will be at 10:30 a.m. each day.

In an effort to show the local community what Davis-Monthan is all about, there will be several displays and demonstrations available to watch including D-M's own Combat Search and Rescue teams and the West Coast A-10 Demonstration Team, also stationed at D-M.

Some of the aircraft scheduled for the airshow are the F-16 demo team, Red Barons, Tora! Tora! Tora!, P-51

flown by (Ret.) Brig. Gen. Regis Urschler, the U.S. Army Golden Knights, Heritage Flight, a Combat Search and Rescue Demonstration and the Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbird Demonstration Team, which is scheduled to conclude the flying for each day, will be followed by an autograph session.

And while the planes take to the skies, airshow attendees can also keep their feet grounded by watching a variety of ground demonstrations. One such demonstration in-

volves a D-M A-10 Load Crew Team.

"Every munition that has been dropped or fired from an aircraft in support of the global war on terror has been loaded by a weapons load team," said Staff Sgt. David Hinds, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron lead crew chief.

During the airshow, one Load Crew will perform load demonstrations and another crew will be available to answer questions.

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Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 gate information April 2 and 3

During the Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 weekend, the operations of the gates will change. The Craycroft Road and Swan Road Gates will be dedicated to airshow traffic only. From 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., these gates will allow inbound traffic only. Starting at 3:30 p.m., these gates will be dedicated to airshow outbound traffic.

Individuals must use the Wilmot Road Gate for all normal base access, such as the Base Exchange, Commissary, housing, etc. The Wilmot Road Gate will open at 6 a.m. each day for personnel with military IDs and those on the Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 entry access list only.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Staff Sgt. Sarah Byron-Smith, 355th Aerospace Medical Squadron, judge a drawing contest from Borman and Smith Elementary Schools, both on Davis-Monthan. The contest promoted child abuse awareness. The winning posters will be displayed around D-M.

New PT uniforms

Concern: I remember hearing that the Air Force was implementing a standardized fitness uniform.

Is this still happening and if so, when will we see it here at Davis-Monthan?

Response: Thank you for your question.

Yes, the Air Force has an official physical training uniform that was first introduced in October 2004. This uniform has been distributed to prioritized locations and will eventually make

it to the Airmen stationed at Davis-Monthan.

Airmen deployed to Central Command's theater will receive the new uniforms first. Once those needs have been fulfilled, other bases will get their PT uniforms.

Currently, CENTCOM has enough uniforms to accommodate our deployed Airmen. The Air Force is now working on outfitting Aerospace Expeditionary Forces five and six.

D-M units support many different AEF pairs, so personnel will receive their uniforms at various times.

When you receive notice that you are going to deploy, your unit deployment manager will provide you with a letter certifying that you are scheduled to deploy.

This letter authorizes the military clothing sales stores to sell you two sets of shirts and shorts and one running suit.

If you are not currently deployed or getting ready to deploy, you will have to wait to purchase uniforms until sufficient quantities are available.

School buses

Concern: I am a bus driver for Tucson Unified School District and would appreciate it if you would remind your military members of the laws regarding school buses.

I am increasingly noticing more and more military personnel passing my bus on Craycroft Road while I am dropping students off.

I understand that getting to work is important, but the safety of the children has to come first.

Response: Thank you for bringing up such an

important topic. For every child's safety, no one should ever pass a school bus while the stop sign is activated, lights are flashing and students are being picked-up or dropped-off.

When a school bus stops to pick-up or drop-off children, all motorists are required to stop until the stop sign and lights are deactivated by the bus driver.

Nationwide, more children are hurt or killed outside the bus while loading or unloading than in collisions.

It is also important to remind motorists that all TUSD school buses stop at all railroad crossings.

In addition, many children walk to and from school. As a motorist, please exercise extra care when you see children along your route.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their information. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

Agency numbers

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Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
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Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-5844

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 943rd Rescue Group was officially reactivated in the Air Force Reserve at D-M and is assigned to the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. The group has four squadrons: the 304th Rescue Squadron, the 305th Rescue Squadron, the 306th Rescue Squadron and the 943rd Maintenance Squadron.

The mission of the 943rd RQG is to provide a day and night combat rescue capability of downed aircrew and military personnel in hostile territory. Enemy threats are countered through the use of advanced tactics including terrain masking, night vision devices, in-flight refueling and pinpoint navigation. A measure of self-protection is provided by the use of machine guns, radar and infrared equipment. The citizen Airmen of the 943rd RQG also support civilian rescue agencies when the group's rescue capabilities are needed to save lives.

Senior Airman Josiah Blanton, a pararescueman with the 304th Rescue Squadron, fast ropes from a HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczyn

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Education office offers Airmen help to achieve college goals

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Determining how to pay for college can become one of the biggest financial burdens young adults face.

Fortunately for the Desert Lightning Community, the Base Training and Education Service's staff can help students discover ways to finance their education.

An enticing program for active-duty members who are continuing their education is the tuition assistance program, said Phil King, BTES flight chief.

"To assist active-duty members in continuing their education, the Tuition Assistance Program is by far the best program," Mr. King said. This program pays 100 percent of tuition costs up to \$250 a credit hour. Active-duty students are limited to a \$4,500 yearly TA budget.

Airmen in the guard and reserves will only earn 100 percent TA if they are on active duty for more than 180 consecutive days, said Nancy Lucas, BTES education technician.

To use TA, students must be working on their next higher-level degree, be pursuing a license or attending a certification program. For license and certification programs, TA benefits are limited to \$9,000 and can not pay more than \$4,500 per year.

Rumors have come and gone regarding an end to the 100 percent TA coverage.

"There is no official release or word from headquarters Air Combat Command on the 100 percent TA program being terminated," Mr. King said. "However, we were informed there would be changes in the program in the future. I am sure these changes would be implemented gradually."

The change may be necessary because TA is an expensive program.

"Here at D-M we paid more than \$2,000,000 in TA in fiscal 04," Mr. King said. "In the first quarter of fiscal 05 we are already at one half million dollars. One can quickly see the cost Air Force wide is astronomical."

An additional option open to active-duty, sepa-

rated and retired participating members is the Montgomery GI Bill program.

The Montgomery GI Bill benefits are available to active-duty members who signed up for it to assist them in their continuing education, Mr. King said. "The MGIB provides \$36,144 in educational benefits. For those who have utilized the \$600 additional Buy-In Program the total benefit increased to \$41,544."

"To use the MGIB on active duty you must have served two continuous years of active duty and after separation you must have served three continuous years or more," Mr. King said. "The MGIB is paid by the Veteran's Administration and the rate is based on the student's status. For example, the VA pays \$1,004 for a full-time student. If you want to be paid at that rate you must meet the school's requirements for a full-time student. A person can attend school however they want, part time, half time, three-quarter time, etc. The important thing to remember is that you are paid based on your student status."

The BTES office also maintains information about various scholarships.

"Scholarships are very important to me since they aid our military members with their educational costs," Mr. King said. "I have just started a monthly BTES Scholarship Alert Newsletter that I send out to all the squadrons. We also have two excellent books that we can provide our members, "Don't Miss Out" and "Need A Lift." Both are College Financial Aid Handbooks."

"Of course, with the Internet, one can type in the word scholarship on a search engine and obtain countless hits," Mr. King said. "I would recommend using concise words such as military scholarships, veteran's scholarships, graduate scholarships and engineering degree scholarships to name a few examples."

For more information about financing education, contact the education office at 228-3813.

(Editor's note: This is part three of a three part series about continuing education.)

News Notes

Mandatory briefing for all Airmen

Airmen are required to attend one of the following Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 briefings at the Base Theater. On Monday briefings will be held at 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m. On Tuesday briefings will be held at 7 and 9 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will be closed Monday and will reopen Tuesday at regular business hours. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Physically disabled and military in uniform may shop at 8:30 a.m.

Munitions inventory

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munition Flight will be conducting the semiannual 100 percent base stock inventory through Thursday. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey or Staff Sgt. Patrick Blevins at 228-8632.

DFAS Web site to move

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site is changing from, www.dfas.mil to www.dod.mil/dfas. The change will occur March 31.

Finance to change hours

Starting April 1, the 355th Comptroller Squadron customer service hours will change to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CPF to change hours

Beginning April 4, the Civilian Personnel Flight will have new hours of operation. Walk-ins will be from 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Appointments will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TSP class

The Family Support Center is offering a Thrift Savings Plan class April 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-5690.

Carseat checks

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron offers individuals carseat inspections to ensure they are properly installed. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Peter Delillo at 228-4333.

Terrorism history

March 24, 1986, The U.S. Navy forces crossed the "Line of Death" in the Gulf of Sidra and engaged Libyan patrol boats. Four Libyan vessels were sunk or damaged and an SA-5 radar site was crippled.

140 Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday through Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. As of today, there will no longer be service Sunday.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....	911	Base Operations.....	228-4315
Casualty Assistance.....	228-3686	Mortuary Officer.....	228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....	228-3121	(After duty hours).....	228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....	228-5411	Command Post.....	228-7400
(After duty hours).....	228-3517	355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....	228-4444
Fire Reporting.....	911	Safety.....	228-5558
Public Affairs.....	228-3204	(After duty hours).....	909-0316
(After duty hours).....	228-7400	Base locator.....	228-3347
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....	228-3177	TIPS Line.....	228-TIPS (8477)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Lt. Gen. "Mark" Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander, and Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, greet the Commander in Chief, President George W. Bush, as he arrives at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

President visits Davis-Monthan Monday

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

After days of planning, the 355th Wing welcomed President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, Sena-

tor Jon Kyl, Governor Janet Napolitano and other officials to the base Monday.

The president went to the Tuscon Convention Center to speak to the local community on his Social Security reform plan. During the visit, security was tight. At times, the gates to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base were closed to prevent vehicles from entering and exiting the installation.

Approximately 500 Airmen and distinguished visitors were on the flightline to get a glimpse of the Commander in Chief.

President Bush waved to the crowd prior to leaving base.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipps

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, (left) 355th Wing command chief, talks to Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, and Airmen while they wait for the return of President George W. Bush, Commander in Chief Monday. President Bush landed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for a conference downtown.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

President George W. Bush (left), Commander in Chief, stops to take a photo with Russell Gursky, Freedom Corps member, as he arrived at Davis-Monthan.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

(Left) Airmen 1st Class Joseph Daniel (left) and Senior Airman Alishia Butler, both from the 355th Security Forces Squadron, guard Air Force One. During the president's visit, security remained high with help from many organizations on- and off-base.

Two Airmen claim ACC awards

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Air Combat Command recognized two Davis-Monthan Airmen as exceptional performers earlier this month.

The 2004 ACC Communications and Information Outstanding 3CXXX in the senior NCO category award was taken by Master Sgt. Kenneth Gammons, 612th Air Communications Squadron Combined Air Operations Center superintendent.

The 2004 ACC Women in Federal Law Enforcement Julie Y. Cross Memorial Award was captured by Airman 1st Class Kristy Boguslaw, 355th Security Forces Squadron 'B' flight member.

This award is named in memory of United States Secret Service Agent Julie Y. Cross who gave her life in the line of duty.

Competition for the award is open to full time federal law enforcement officers with arrest authority who displayed an unusual degree of courage, stamina and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Both Airmen had many accomplishments throughout the year.

During 2004, Airman Boguslaw deployed for her first time to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq where she performed missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Vigilant Resolve. While she was there, the first ever Security Forces Tactical Force Team

stood up. Airman Boguslaw was hand selected as a member where she served as a heavy gunner.

Being selected as a team member meant a lot to Airman Boguslaw, one of the youngest of the team at 19 years old.

"I felt really proud because the higher-ups looked up to us," she said. "We set the standard for everyone else while we were there."

Sergeant Gammon also deployed to Iraq during 2004 to Combined Air Headquarters and CAOC to support Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and the Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa labored.

While deployed, Sergeant Gammon's team was selected as the Systems Control Team of the Month for March, April and May. Sergeant Gammon's technical control team consisted of two seven-levels, two five-levels and five three-levels.

Even though the team had very limited experience, it was still able to receive the Systems Control Team of the Month, Sergeant Gammons said.

Sergeant Gammons recognizes this type of teamwork as the main force which lead him to this award.

"Winning this award means I had great people working for me who I could rely on to do what needed to be done, when it needed to be done, and were also flexible enough to handle additional tasks as they popped up," Sergeant Gammons said.



Master Sgt. Kenneth Gammons and Senior Airman April Jones, both from the 612th Air Communications Squadron, review the office's new sign-out board. Sergeant Gammons received a 2004 Air Combat Command Communications and Information Outstanding 3CXXX award.

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from March 4 through 17.

Patrol Response

An individual at the visitor's center contacted the Security Forces Control Center and requested a patrol response for a delusional individual who had requested to speak with the wing commander. The individual stated he needed to speak with the commander concerning spaceships landing on the base. Security forces patrols arrived and escorted the individual from the installation.

Patrol Response: assault and Airman driving under the influence

An airman first class telephoned the SFCC and relayed there was a fight in progress at the basketball court adjacent to Building 3219. Police units were dispatched. Investigation revealed while at an off-base establishment a senior airman was involved in a verbal altercation with an airman first class. When the participants returned to the installation the verbal altercation resumed and escalated to physical violence. The senior airman physically assaulted the airman first class. Security forces personnel conducted breath analysis on the senior airman with a result of .154. The senior airman was charged with assault and driving while under the influence.

Patrol response: civilian DUI and possession of controlled substance

A civilian attempted to utilize the turn around lane outside of Craycroft Road Gate. The vehicle operator stopped the vehicle and attempted to open the vehicle trunk. A security forces patrol noticed the subject was staggering. Security forces responded and observed a vehicle passenger exit the vehicle and run towards Golf Links Road. Further investigation revealed the vehicle operator had an odor of an alcoholic beverage and marijuana. A handgun and what appeared to be two marijuana cigarettes were located on the console of the vehicle. Security forces initiated a search of the vehicle and discovered approximately two pounds of marijuana in the vehicle trunk. The Tucson Police Department was contacted. The TPD conducted a breath analysis on the subject with a BAC result of .137. The subject was arrested for DUI and possession of narcotics. The TPD could not locate the individual who fled the scene.

Patrol response: domestic assault

A dependent spouse of a senior airman called the SFCC and stated her spouse had assaulted her. Investigation revealed the senior airman and his dependent spouse were at an off-base establishment and an argument occurred. Upon their returning to their residence the argument resumed

and escalated into a physical altercation between the two of them.

Patrol response: physical altercation

An airman first class and an airman were involved in a physical altercation. An anonymous caller notified the SFCC there was fight at the parking lot of Building 4220. Investigation revealed the airman verbally confronted the airman first class, which escalated into a physical confrontation. Both subjects were injured, with the airman requiring medical transport.

Patrol response: trespassing

A dependent spouse notified the SFCC of a possible trespassing within a vacant housing unit. Security forces were dispatched. Investigation revealed a dependent of a technical sergeant, a dependent of a civilian visitor and dependent of a another technical sergeant had entered a vacant house. Further investigation warranted TPD and Child Protective Services to be contacted.

Patrol response: child neglect

A civilian worker at Smith Elementary telephoned the SFCC and related there was a small child, approximately 2 years old, within the playground without adult supervision. Investigation revealed the child was a dependent of a staff sergeant and had left the residence while under the care of the staff sergeant's spouse. The CPS and TPD were notified.

Royal Canadian air force trains with U.S.

Troops team-up to better prepare for war operations

By Tech. Sgt. Tara Marta
607th Air Control Squadron

From sub-zero weather at their northern home to a balmy 58 degrees here in Arizona, 34 members of the Royal Canadian air force, assigned to the 42nd Radar Squadron at 4 Wing Cold Lake, traveled more than 2,000 miles by convoy to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., in February.

Each year, the squadron deploys to various locations in North America. This year their trek took them through Montana, Idaho and Utah, destined for Arizona. This travel provided them with practical fleet training for both operations and maintenance personnel.

As a training establishment, the squadron is tasked to train tactical fighter controllers, weapons assistant sensors operators and maintenance technicians in the servicing and repair of the complete TPS-70 Radar and SatCom System.

"[We] deploy annually to keep current and prove that we are capable of mobilizing our people and equipment successfully," said LCol. Frank Ebner, 42nd RS commander, Canadian air force.

The 42nd RS set up their mobile radar and command post near the 607th Air Control Squadron, and were fully operational by day two. Their de-



Courtesy photo

An American and a Canadian flag stand atop the TPS-70 mobile radar equipment. The system is used by tactical fighter controllers, weapons assistants, sensor operators and maintenance technicians in the achievement of aerospace control and warning. American and Canadian forces teamed up for training in February.

ployed mission plan consisted of aircraft control and surveillance. In addition, they maintained data links with Airborne Warning and Control System, Western Air Defense Sector, Rivet Joint, and two Marine Air Control Squadrons for three days.

"[The] data links were very successful with numerous training events accomplished," said SGT. John Tomaszewski, Canadian air force.

"This year was again a successful deployment

with great support from the 607th ACS and 107th ACS [at Papago]," Colonel Ebner said.

Maj. Michael Harris, 607th ACS chief of formal training agreed with Colonel Ebner.

"This was a unique training opportunity to liaison with our NORAD and NATO counterparts," Major Harris said.

After a deployment farewell, the 42nd RS packed up their gear and departed Arizona for another five-day journey back to Canada.

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fers to people and aircraft actually performing an exercise mission. Virtual training refers to crews participating in the exercise by using simulators at various locations. Constructive forces are computer-aided simulations controlling a wider span of forces which play out much like a person sitting at a computer playing a video game.

"During the exercise, we have approximately 350 to 400 live joint and coalition sorties each day," said Colonel Murray. "That isn't really out of the norm; however, when you combine that with the more than 600 to 700 construction sorties and 850 virtual sorties we're flying, it's very busy."

"Joint Red Flag is the largest and most complex modeling and simulation architecture created to date," said Lt. Col. Mark Horn, commander of the 505th Exercise Control Squadron at Hurlburt Field. "The exercise has successfully linked 31 distributed

sites, incorporating 34 constructive simulations and over 18 virtual simulations and Weapons Tactics Trainers. This is a great undertaking and accomplishment that we are all proud of."

The constructive forces are to play a large role in Joint Red Flag and add a unique aspect to the exercise and training scenario.

"Constructive simulations allow the military to train distributively, which means that the participants in some cases do not even need to leave their home base location to be a part of the largest joint and combined exercise ever attempted in history," Colonel Murray said. "These models and simulations also allow the warfighters to integrate new weapons and weapon systems before they are first used in combat situations. This allows military planners the ability to learn how these new capabilities can be maximized without having to use the actual aircraft or weapon."

"In the end, the constructive training provided will continue to help the military reduce the overall training costs, while providing very realistic

training using tomorrow's weapons and techniques today," Colonel Murray said. In addition to saving money, the participation of coalition forces in Joint Red Flag gives an opportunity to save many lives.

"For the first time ever, we're developing a coalition information system and network to move more information to all participants in a theater of operation," Colonel Murray said. "Information is a critical asset in any Combined Air and Space Operations Center. It dramatically reduces the possibility of future friendly fire incidents, allowing our brave men and women to fight another day. This training is an intricate part of what the military will be using in the future to save lives."

Long distances and the cooperation of many people have come together to give JRF at high rate of accomplishment midway through the exercise.

"When you think of the thousands of miles and people involved in putting this together, this exercise is a tremendous success so far. We're currently at a 95 percent success rate, with it getting better everyday," Colonel Murray said. "We're working to-



Courtesy photo

Air Force members prepare to enter the Red Flag facility to in-process for Exercise Joint Red Flag 2005 March 17. There are more than 10,000 participants in this year's Red Flag exercise.

ward 100 percent success and hope to be there very soon. We're proud of everyone and the hard work they've put in."

Airshow

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Another ground demonstration involves D-M brass and dogs.

The display will showcase the skills of three 355th Security Forces Squadron Airmen and their military working dogs including attack work and detection demonstrations.

Aircraft from various bases across the U.S. will be on static display with crews available to help educate the public on the overall war-fighting capabilities of the U.S. Air Force.

Also for airshow spectators, there will be 24 exhibits such as Air Force recruiters, the U.S. Air Force NASCAR, the Military Order of Purple Hearts and Civil Air Patrol.

There will be 70 vendors selling various items from food to airshow memorabilia for all.

According to the 355th SFS, backpacks, large purses, duffle bags, camelbacks, coolers, bicycles, pets and weapons are not allowed in the airshow. This will be strictly enforced to ensure public safety and eliminate Foreign Object Damage hazards on the flightline. All personnel (and their belongings) entering the airshow are subject to search.

For most military members at D-M, the weekend will be a working weekend to provide all the support necessary for the more than 300,000 expected visitor's to the base. Airmen participating in the airshow are required to wear their battle dress uniforms or flight suits.



- ◆ The green area depicts areas that will be restricted to airshow traffic only April 2 and 3.
- ◆ The red line shows the route military ID holders will use to get to the Base Exchange, Commissary and housing.

Adaptability key to air power

Ability to remain dynamic helps Air Force be a strong fighting force

By Lt. Col. Shannon Jurrens

355th Security Forces Squadron,
commander

As a young lieutenant, I deployed for Operations Desert Shield and Storm. Since I was in Strategic Air Command at the time, most of my contemporaries and I had not been formally trained in Air Base Ground Defense. I had some formal training in ground combat skills from the U. S. Army, but nothing since I entered the security police career field. Since our primary job in SAC was to secure nuclear weapon systems, training for our deployment mission was not a priority.

Consequently, when I deployed for the first Gulf War, I had no preconceived notions about what I would be doing in Saudi Arabia. Fortunately, others I deployed with had more training and experience and more importantly, they also came with an open mind. I was lucky to be with smart folks who brought a variety of "tools" to the job and then adapted those tools to the situation at hand. We had others show up, however, who were not quite so adaptable. They had been practicing ABGD for years and

*"The next time you deploy
you may not be doing what the Air Force
originally trained you to do."*

Lt. Col. Shannon Jurrens
355th Security Forces Squadron commander

could not understand why we were not using the universal ABGD playbook, dug-in positions and all. Basically, they had one tool they expected to use and when it did not work, they had a tough time deploying.

Six months ago when I first deployed to a forward location in Kuwait, as the commander of the 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Group, I found myself, once again, in a mission I had not exactly trained for. As the Air Force's first deployed security forces group, the 886th ESFG performed two Army missions for the last year that were not part of any wartime Air Base Defense (as it is now called) scenario.

Using Army forms and procedures, the group's two "Law and Order" squadrons covered 10 Army

campus in three countries. The group's two customs enforcement squadrons performed their Army mission at nine locations in two countries, again using procedures developed by the Army. In both missions, leaders had to deal with situations, both organizationally and operationally, they had never dealt with before, and they did it using about 600 Airmen from 35 different bases with minimal in-theater mission training.

In short, these leaders had to adapt, and adapt quickly to a completely new operating environment.

Then to add another dimension to the deployment, they had to close down the group and turn the mission over to Army units and a joint Navy/Marine Corps team. In today's operating environment, the

886th ESFG is not entirely unique.

While most Airmen still deploy to air bases in the theater, a number of other organizations in Kuwait and Iraq have Airmen working "in lieu" of Soldiers to accomplish what are normally Army or even Marine Corps missions. Civil engineers, transportation and communications specialists, security forces, medical personnel and others are working in organizations and operating locations not envisioned just a few years ago. They too have had to adapt to new realities in order to succeed.

Since the end of the Cold War, the Air Force has been in a constant state of change. One of the Air Force's greatest strengths is that our Airmen are accustomed to adapting to that change.

The next time you deploy, you may not be doing what the Air Force originally trained you to do. Even if you are operating in your core Air Force Specialty Code, it may be in ways or places you never imagined. Do not let any preconceived notion about what "war" will be like keep you from bringing all of your tools to the job. If you can adapt, you can succeed.

As tax season draws to a close, VITA offers help to D-M community

The Volunteer Income Tax Association program offers free income tax assistance for anyone with valid military identification. The VITA office is located on Madera Street, Building 4310, Room 109 and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The deadline for filing federal income taxes is April 15. Appointments are required and anyone interested should call VITA at 228-3489.

Final Answer

What do you think is Davis-Monthan's best strength in war?



**2nd Lt.
Simon Sanchez**
355th Communications
Squadron

"D-M's best strength in war is the efficiency and professionalism of the people on D-M."



**Tech. Sgt.
David Zibbon**
355th Wing

"I think D-M's best strength in war is the A-10 Warthog. It's combat proven and it encompasses a large mission."



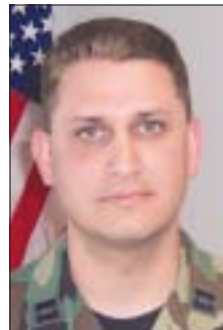
**Senior Airman
Ryan Garrett**
355th Security
Forces Squadron

"We deploy a lot, so we're experienced. We know what to expect."



**Airman 1st Class
Brenda McClain**
25th Operational
Weather Squadron

"The positive attitude, hard work ethic and dedication of its Airmen is D-M's best strength in war."



**Capt.
Rick King**
355th Operations
Support Squadron

"D-M's best strength in war is our ability to work as a team and bring the fight to the enemy with the power of the A-10 Warthog."



**Airman
Kophie Mathis**
355th Wing

"I think D-M's best strength in war is its people. We're always prepared."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: **"Who do you think will go to the World Series this year and why?"** If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or if you would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the Final Answer column, contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092. Volunteers who submit answers must be available to take a picture during the same week.)

Airmen prove leadership mettle

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from Airman Leadership School class 05-C graduated March 18.

All senior airmen in the Air Force are required to attend ALS before they can be promoted to staff sergeant and take the title of NCO.

The ALS curriculum is divided into three portions, said Staff Sgt. Michael Kaczmarek, 355th Mission Support Squadron ALS flight instructor. The first portion is leadership, which is broken further into two sections, leadership and human resources. In this phase, Airmen learn about things like the roles of NCOs, the foundation of leadership and how to set standards for their troops.

The second portion is profession of arms, Sergeant Kaczmarek said. Airmen in this phase review things like Laws of Armed Conflict and drill. Learning drill not only gives Airmen a chance to brush up on their skills, but it also gives them the opportunity to march their flights as well.

The third portion is communication, Sergeant Kaczmarek said. In this portion, Airmen learn about writing professional letters, public speaking, counseling and feedback.

"It's good for people to see how things are supposed to be done," said Sergeant Kaczmarek. It also shows them what the Air Force expects of them as leaders and gives them the opportunity to learn how to build and foster teamwork.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated from ALS March 18:

41st Electronic Combat Squadron: Senior Airman April Hutchinson; **355th Aerospace Medical Squadron:** Senior Airman Amanda Mocanu; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Mark Cornejo, Senior Airman Adam Cortes; **355th Civil Engineering Squadron:** Senior Airman Wayne Gamber; **355th Communication Squadron:** Senior Airman Sherri Strifler; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Roderick Archfield, Senior Airman James Cooke, Senior Airman Gregory Coppage, Senior Airman Martin Pape, Senior Airman Paula Taylor, Senior Airman Christopher Vietor, Senior Airman Ronald Vogel, Senior Airman Charles Voiles, Senior Airman Ronald Warner; **355th Comp-troller Squadron:** Senior Airman Sarah Vigil; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Shawn Beto, Senior Airman Jody Dessicino; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Senior Airman Tyler Pike; **355th Maintenance Operation Squadron:** Senior Airman

Amber Korsmo; **355th Operations Support Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Tina Evans; **355th Security Forces Squadron:** Senior Airman Alishia Butler, Senior Airman Joseph Vidacak; **355th Wing:** Senior Airman Catherine Casaigne, Senior Airman Joshua Vandergriff; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Angela Hernandez, Senior Airman Timothy Phillips; **612th Air Communications Squadron:** Senior Airman James O'Donovan, Senior Airman Donald Strifler; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Senior Airman Kristy Engholm, Senior Airman Juan Origel; **612th Combat Operations Squadron:** Staff Sgt. David Sada; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Vincent Aguon, Senior Airman Sarah Benson, Senior Airman Mark Boris, Senior Airman Rodolfo Estrada, Senior Airman Katherine Griffin, Senior Airman Alexander Hernandez and Senior Airman Steven Miller.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who received special awards.

John L. Levitow Award: Airman Vidacak, 355th SFS; **Distinguished Graduates:** Airman Engholm, 612th AIS; Airman Butler, 355th SFS and Airman Hernandez, 755th AMXS; **Leadership Award:** Airman Vidacak, 355th SFS and **Academic Award:** Airman Dessicino, 355th EMS.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Colonel Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, presents a check for a donation of \$700 to several D-M Airmen on behalf of the Underage Drinking Task Force.

MSG donates to UDTF, VAC

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

A golf tournament was held at the Blanchard Golf Course at Davis-Monthan March 17.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Mission Support Group Benefit Golf Tourney helped to raise money for the Underage Drinking Task Force and the Volunteer Advisory Council, said 1st Lt. Dennis Smith, 355th Mission Support Group executive officer.

The organizations might not otherwise have the manpower to raise money on their own, Lieutenant Smith said.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Charles Terry of the 612th Air Intelligence Squadron. Airman Terry is an intelligence duty technician. According to his flight commander, Capt. Brian Collord, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, "is an extremely motivated Airman who gives 110 percent to every task."

The following are Airman Terry's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined to have an exciting job while serving my country.

What are your favorite hobbies or outdoor activities? I like hiking, fishing, golfing, reading, chess and video games.

What has been your best assignment and why? My best job was when I deployed to a forward location. It was hard work and long hours, but the reward of doing a good job and saving lives made it all worthwhile.

What are your career goals? After my Air Force career I would like to work at the Defense Intelligence Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency as an intelligence analyst.

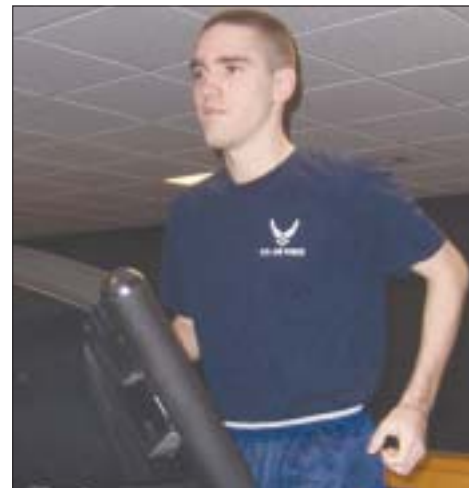


Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? I would say that everyone should serve in the military. It makes you appreciate the everyday things that most people take for granted.

Davis-Monthan holds Town Hall meeting, offers answers to questions posed by community

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Housing privatizing, yard care, renovations to housing units, speeding tickets, recycling problems and other topics and concerns were addressed at the Community Center during a Town Hall meeting March 16.

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Brown, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and other experts in their respective areas were present to answer the community's concerns to a variety of questions.

Below are some of the topics discussed during the Town Hall meeting;

Yard Care in base housing

Question: When my husband is deployed, it is hard to do yard work with two small kids. Is there help out there?

Answer: Every squadron has a program for members who are deployed to have people come over and help cut the grass.

The only squadron that has "outside of the squadron" service is the 355th Communications Squadron, which helps the spouses of members

who are deployed by coming in and lending some expertise in computers. Talk to the first sergeants and/or commanders to find out more information on the squadron the deployed member belongs to.

Privatizing base housing

Question: What is the base's plan regarding privatizing base housing?

Answer: There have been no flags planted into the ground or big dollars allocated yet. But there is a road map set to begin in March 2006. The idea is to begin the construction process including demolition of older houses, building new houses and renovating existing housing units that are in good condition. Housing will remain in the D-M fences and will remain virtually in the same housing areas (Kachina area, Pale Verde area, etc.) Houses built prior to 1995 will be torn down.

Once the new houses are built, there will be a lease between the resident and developer. Acceptance of the house is optional.

With the changes, Airmen should incur no out-of-pocket expenses. First off, your rent will be paid to the developer, again the landlord, out of an allotment as required by the Secretary of Defense.

All BAH will go to the developer, who will in turn pay for your gas, electric and utilities.

Question: What are some of the benchmarks or ideas for newer homes?

Answer: An example of the proposed changes is the E-1 through E-6 homes. Right now the benchmark for a three bedroom is 1630 square feet or 1950 square feet for a four bedroom. The first priority will be increasing size. There will be no more carports, instead the plan is to have garages and added kitchen space, kitchen pantries and play areas.

Sonoran Vista renovations

Question: I've heard some houses in Sonoran Vista are going to be renovated. What's the plan?

Answer: A renovation project in the Sonoran Vista area will begin in 40 of the units. Residents receiving renovations should have received notification in the mail with an overview of what will be done in their homes.

Some of the renovations include placing ceramic tile throughout the homes, refinishing exterior exposed piping, installing solid surface counter tops in the kitchens and constructing storage areas in garages. The project began Monday and renovations are scheduled to take roughly two weeks per unit.

Homeowners will be contacted individually as more information is available. Someone over the 18 years old must remain in the home while the contractors are there. Squadrons may consider placing these Airmen in permissive temporary



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Security officer Mark Clancy, Sec-Tek Cyn Corp, verifies identification of individuals trying to access Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at Craycroft Road Gate. The civilian gate guards are a part of Team D-M.

duty while their homes are renovated. For more information, contact Carol Mares, chief housing facilities at 228-6609.

Security Forces Squadron

Question: What are some hot topics regarding security?

Answer: There is not a lot of speeding reported in housing. If Airmen or D-M housing residents see people speeding, write the license plate number down and report it to the 355th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk at 228-3517.

In addition, children in housing areas playing on skate ramps, skating and so forth, need to wear the proper protective gear.

Talking on a cell phone while driving will soon become prohibited for the D-M community. The new regulations will require the D-M community to talk on hands-free sets or physically pull over to the side of the street.

Question: During reveille and retreat, people will pass other vehicles that are stopped. What can we do to prevent them from ignoring the obvious?

Answer: All Airmen are responsible to ensure people are stopping. We currently have more than 1,000 Airmen deployed from this installation doing America's work. If you have to, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call the law enforcement desk.

Question: Are the civilian gate guards required to meet the same regulations to those in uniform?

Answer: We hold the civilian gate guards to the same standards as we do to the Airmen in uniform. I have seen a smooth transition from the Elite Guard to the civilian contractors. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Referring to them as "rent-a-cops" has caused some people to walk. They are a part of our team. They follow the same regulations and instructions. The uniforms do not look the same, but they are held to the same standards as our Airmen, required to meet appearance standards and go to the security forces roll calls.



Photo by Stephanie Ritter

Tyler Hawkins, son of Amber and Staff Sgt. Josh Hawkins, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, skates on his skateboard with proper safety equipment.

D-M shows its creative side



Courtesy photo

In the March 11 edition of *The Desert Airman*, the Desert Lightning Community was asked to try their hands at coming up with clever captions for the photo pictured here (left). The following are the winners from that contest.

"D-M — it's a dry heat, but don't drink the water!"

Tech. Sgt. Juan Varela
355th Services Squadron

"Must ... make ... cure ... for ... green ... hands."

Airman 1st Class Joseph Parker
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

"After the U.S. Air Force canned the blue and gray uniforms they decided to go with something a little less obvious — biohazard suits!"

Airman 1st Class Cuong Sy
25th Operational Weather Squadron

"Well sir, the aliens are not pregnant!"

Staff Sgt. Stephen Gygi
355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

(Editor's Note: "The Lighter Side" is a forum for the D-M community to submit original, previously unpublished photographs, jokes and humorous stories. "The Lighter Side" is for entertainment purposes only.)



New contest

Photo by Thomas Powell

Those interested in participating in this week's Photo Caption Contest should send their humorous and tasteful captions of what they think is happening in the photo above to desert.airman@dm.af.mil. Submissions are due April 15 by noon. Winners are scheduled to be posted in the April 22 edition of the *Desert Airman*.

D-M invited to watch March Madness games with UDTF

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

March Madness is in full swing with college basketball teams battling it out for the National Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship.

And while spectators crowd around televisions to watch as the Elite Eight are whittled down to one, the Davis-Monthan community has a chance to watch two of the final games together in style.

April 2 and 4 at 6 p.m., D-M's Underage Drinking Task Force will host a March Madness event at the Desert Lightning Community Center. The college basketball semi-finals will be April 2 and the National Championship game is April 4.

"Holding such an event during this time is a great opportunity for Airmen to socialize and have a good time without drinking," said 1st Lt. Alaisha Rhoe, Company Grade Officer Council member and entertainment coordinator for the event.

In addition to watching the games, attendees will have an opportunity to play basketball trivia, video games and board games as well as a chance to win prizes and enjoy refreshments, all free of charge.

"The purpose of the event is to give our Air-

men under 21 (years) a healthy outlet to enjoy themselves as opposed to the temptations of drinking alcohol," said 2nd Lt. Ravineel Francis, CGOC point of contact for the event. "We like to throw an event once a month, and March Madness just makes sense to bring large groups of people together."

This event will also give Airmen a chance to show their team spirit.

Airmen should bring their sports memorabilia to the event, Lieutenant Rhoe said. "We want to know who (they) are rooting for."

But regardless of who finally wins the NCAA Tournament, the March Madness event at the Community Center will provide those on D-M a place to spend some time together.

"People should attend to have fun and enjoy themselves after a hard day at work," Lieutenant Francis said. "Plus it couldn't possibly be more convenient for our dorm residents. If they're lucky, they just might win a prize or two, watch the game, spend no money, meet people and eat some too."



Sports Shorts

Learn to bowl

The Davis-Monthan community can sign up starting today for the new "Hook Up 2 Bowling" program. The HU2B program is a new player development program designed to make learning the game simpler, fun and affordable. Classes are scheduled to begin June 1. Certified bowling instructors will teach participants etiquette, terminology and bowling fundamentals. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for those 18 years and younger. The cost includes eight hours instruction and on-the-lanes lessons. There will be a free orientation before each clinic so participants can learn more about the program. They will also receive a free how-to-bowl booklet, tour of the D-M lanes and a chance for participants to interact with other bowlers. Everyone who completes the program will receive a free towel, bowling ball and bag. For more information regarding the program, call 228-3461.

Little League Opening Ceremonies

The Little League Opening Ceremonies are April 9 at 9 a.m. at the ball field on the north-west end of National Boulevard. For more information, call the D-M Youth Center at 228-8844.

Teen paintball trip

April 9, teens can visit the D-M Paintball Range from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of

\$20 includes safety equipment and 200 paintballs. Additional paintballs will cost \$3 per 100. Space for the event is limited. For more information, call 228-8844.

Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run

There is a free Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run event April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. behind 12th Air Force. People can test their skills on pitching, hitting and running the bases. Winners of the local competition will advance to the sectional competition. This competition is for ages 7 to 14 years. For more information, call 228-8844.

Preteen White Water Rafting Trip

Preteens can raft down the Upper Salt River April 30. The cost of \$50 per person includes a wet suit rental, lunch, transportation, instruction and supervision. For more information regarding this trip, call 228-8844.

Sports, school physicals

Sports and school physicals are being offered at the Davis-Monthan clinic. These physicals are good for the 2005 to 2006 Tucson Unified School District school year. There are a limited number of appointments available Monday through Friday and a few Saturdays available this summer. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 228-2778.

Fitness Center Classes

The following are classes offered at the Fitness and Sports Center and Haeffner Fitness Center. When applicable, class fees are listed. (* See instructor for fee information.) For more information regarding the classes, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Fitness Center
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

Tuesday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Haeffner
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC *

Thursday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - FC
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC *
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) - FC *
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Toning Class - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is scheduled to be closed until May 1. For more information, call the indoor pool at 228-0015.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

He shoots ... he scores!

The finals for the men's Intramural Basketball League were held at the Fitness and Sports Center Tuesday. Team 355th AMXS battled it out against Team 355th SVS for the top spot. Team 355th AMXS beat Team 355th SVS 71 to 66. Because the tournament was a double-elimination format, the two teams had to play a second game to determine the winner. During the second game, Team 355th SVS was able to beat Team 355th AMXS 72 to 64.

Sports Shorts

Outdoor Recreation trips

The following are a variety of trips this spring offered for the Davis-Monthan community by Outdoor Recreation. For more information on any of these events, or to learn about any of their other events, call ODR at 228-3736.

Patagonia Lake Fishing Trip

The purpose of this event is to be a relaxing day of fishing at Patagonia Lake April 2. The cost of \$20 includes transportation, fishing rods and tackle. Fishing licenses are required. Live bait is not included. Attendees are asked to bring drinks, snacks and lunch. Those who are interested in this trip should sign up no later than Wednesday.

Romero Pools Hike

This trip is April 9 and includes a 5.7-mile hike into the Catalina Mountains. Once at the pools, hikers can relax and enjoy a dip. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and guide. Participants are asked to dress for the weather and to bring plenty of water, food and

sunscreen. Those interested should sign up by April 6.

Moab Rafting

May 12 through 15, the D-M community can enjoy rafting and camping while learning the fundamentals of rafting including water rescue, oar work and more. The cost of \$375 includes all gear, transportation, food and guides. Those interested should sign-up as soon as possible but no later than April 8.

Cochise Stronghold Hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This 6-mile hike May 28 will take hikers through woodland areas. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up by May 26.

Waterworld Water Park

Take a safari to Waterworld June 18, where explorers of every age will find fun on more than 25 acres. The cost of \$20 includes transportation. Those interested should sign up by June 16.

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Easter Catholic Mass schedule

Today: Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. Both are at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Easter Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Easter Protestant Services schedule

Today: Good Friday Service is at 11:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel

Sunday: Sunrise Service is at 6 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Desert Dove Chapel. Breakfast will follow. Easter Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Easter Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel and the Easter Gospel/Inspirational Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. A free Easter devotional book will be available for adults and children up to 10 years will receive a free Easter basket/bag.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are being prayed each Friday during Lent in the Desert Dove Sanctuary at 5 p.m. A meatless soup and bread supper follows in the Desert Dove Annex. All are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.

Education Services

Representative from Southwestern

A representative from Southwestern College will be on base Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Southwestern College offers nine undergraduate majors completely online. Up to 64 Community College of the Air Force credit hours are transferable and military discounts are available. For more information, visit www.sckans.edu/online or send an e-mail to military@sckans.edu.

Park University Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Park University Military Family Scholarship is April 4. Applicants must be a first year student with Park University at the time of application, be a non-military spouse or dependent of an active-duty military member assigned, attached or residing in the vicinity of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Applicants with an earned baccalaureate degree are not eligible. The Military Family Scholarship is for the period of one academic year and is good for 15 credit hours or five courses that must directly apply to the recipient's degree completion program. For an application, visit the Park University Office in Building 3200, Suite 240. For more information, call 748-8266.

Study Skills Class

A study skills class will be offered April 8 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. A minimum

CDCs have openings

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers currently have openings for pre-toddlers from ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers from ages 2 to 3 years and preschool children from ages 3 to 5 years. The centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Caregivers receive extensive training in all aspects of child development. Child to teacher ratios are one to four for infants, one to five for toddlers or one to seven for toddler IIs and one to 12 for preschool ages. Fees are on a sliding scale based on the total family income of the parents. For more information regarding the CDCs or the openings, call 228-6463 or 228-6465

Reigna Kelly (left), daughter of Tech. Sgt. Mia Kelly, 355th Mission Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Derek Kelly, deployed from the 355th Services Squadron, works with April Wirth, Child Development Center program assistant, to learn how to plant seeds in the CDC's new garden. The garden project was the work of Airman Leadership School class 05-C.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

of five people must be signed-up for the class or it will be cancelled. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

SAT testing

The next SAT will be April 15 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. A minimum of five students must sign-up or the test will be cancelled. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Hearts Apart Easter egg hunt

Due to rain, the Hearts Apart Easter egg hunt scheduled for March 19 was moved to Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Bama Park. The event allows children to come and meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for some goodie eggs. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served but participants must be signed up in the Hearts Apart Program to attend. To register, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation Counseling Class

The Pre-separation Counseling Class is mandatory for all separating Airmen. The next classes are Tuesday and April 5 at the D-M Family Support Center from 9 to 10 a.m. The class will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots programs will be held Wednesday and April 6 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move

There will be a Smooth Move briefing April 6 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Family Support Center. This briefing helps individuals prepare for their next permanent change of station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Women's History Month luncheon

The D-M Women's History Month Committee is sponsoring an annual luncheon April 11 at 11 a.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The vice mayor of Tucson, Kathleen Dunbar, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8 and must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray at 228-9719 or the 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity office at 228-5509.

OSC Charity Gala & Silent Auction

The Davis-Monthan Officers' Spouses' Club Charity Gala & Silent Auction, "A Gift from the Heart," will take place April 16. Those who have not received an invitation but who would like one should contact either Elizabeth Kramlinger at 747-3037 or Carolyn Kincaid at 514-0948. Reservations must be made no later than April 1. Auction items are still being accepted for the event. To make a contribution, contact Ms. Kramlinger or Ms. Kincaid at the numbers listed above.

Black Heritage Association

The BHA is seeking motivated individuals to be a part of the 2005 executive committee. Election of new committee officers will be held April 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office classroom located in Building 2300. For more information concerning the various positions, contact Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins at 228-2688 or Tech. Sgt. Robin Boyd at 228-5620.

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt

The Community Center and Youth Center will host a Youth Easter Egg Hunt today on the patio lawn of The Mirage Officers' Club. The times for ages 3 and 4 years is 9 a.m., for ages 5 and 6 years is 9:30 a.m., for ages 7 to 9 is 10 a.m. and for ages 10 to 12 years is 10:30 a.m. The event is not a race or a contest for children to see how many eggs they can gather. Instead, there is one egg out there that matches the color and design on the child's card. This is the only egg they will hunt for. Each child will receive an Easter gift treat bag. For more information, call 228-8484.

Retiree Appreciation Night

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will host a special night for retirees today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Patrons can choose between prime rib, salmon or chicken for \$20.95 for two. Members receive a \$2 discount and can use a Services Buck. Reservations are required. For more information regarding the event, or to make a reservation, call 228-3100.

Easter Sunday Brunch

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will host a special Easter Brunch Sunday including a variety of breakfast and lunch entrees. There will be two sittings; one at 10:30 a.m. and one at

1:30 p.m. Reservations are required. The cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children ages 12 to 6 years and \$3 for children 5 years and younger. All members receive a \$3 discount plus the use of a Services Buck. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 228-3100.

Easter Gifts

The Arts and Crafts Center has a selection of Easter baskets and gifts including decorated baskets filled with candy, stuffed animals, coffee mugs, teacups and various snacks. Prices start at \$15 and depend on selections. For more information, call 228-4385.

Colossal Cookie Challenge

The Davis-Monthan community is encouraged to get out their favorite cookie recipes for the Colossal Cookie Challenge April 7 at the Desert Lightning Community Center. Contestants can participate in a cookie bake-off in one of four categories. Winners will be submitted to Air Combat Command for a chance to compete. All persons eligible to use the D-M Community Center and Youth Center may participate in the challenge. Winning recipes will be submitted for the Family Member Programs Community Center Colossal Cookie Challenge Recipe Book. For more information, call 228-3717.

N'awlins Night

Come out and enjoy a great Cajun buffet at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club's N'awlins Night April 15. There will be music, food and Cajun style fun. The menu includes andouille sausage,

blazin' red fish, gumbo, red beans and rice, cajun corn, corn bread, dessert and a complimentary glass of house wine. Attendees can dance to zydeco music featuring disc jockey Hollywood. The cost is \$8.95 and members receive \$2 discount and can use a Services Buck. Reservations are required for those wanting to eat. The buffet will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-3100.

Services Hours for A & A Days

The following are the Services Activities that will be open April 2 and 3 for Aerospace and Arizona Days. All other Services Activities will be closed throughout the weekend.

Blanchard Golf Course will offer morning tee times only and will close at noon both days.

The Eagles Nest Restaurant will also close at noon both days.

The D-M Child Development Center, Finley Child Development Center and D-M Youth Center will be open Saturday and Sunday for childcare by reservation only. This is subject to change. The Youth Center will have no recreation or drop in services.

The Desert Lightning Community Center will be open Saturday from noon to 1 a.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Desert Inn Dining Facility will be open Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

The Fitness and Sports Center will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, please contact the respective Services Activity.

PHONE NUMBERS

Sherry Jones Manager / Caterer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 748-0660 or 228-3201
BARBER SHOP: 748-9006

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Sherry Jones Club Manager 228-3100
Sharon Gibson Admin. Assistant 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 228-3100
BARBER SHOP: 748-8710
CABANAS: 747-3234

Shock Wave Lounge

T.G.I.F

Mar 25 - T.G.I.F Social Hour - draft beer & drink specials, free food, Bud product Taste Testing, 5-7pm. Doors open at 3pm and DJ Dave jams from 6-11pm!

Mar 25 - Retiree Appreciation Night, 5:30-7:30pm. Prime rib, chicken, or salmon for two, \$20.95 (mbrs \$2 off). Free glass of house wine. Reservations required

Mar 27 - Easter Sunday Brunch. Two sittings; 10:30am & 1:30pm. Enjoy your favorite breakfast & lunch dishes. \$19.95 adults, children 6-12, \$8.95, children 5 & under free. Reservations required.

Mar 30 - Wild About Wednesdays! Everyone's welcome! Drink specials & free food, 5-7pm

Mar 31 - Mug Night, 6-10pm

The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar

We're open!
During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday for your enjoyment!

PARTY in the Poly Bar!
Thursdays & Fridays - Open from 4pm to close. Enjoy Social Hour with your friends from 5 to 7pm. Free Social Hour food every Friday! Members only.

Desert Oasis

Thursday Mug Night!
Drink Specials All Night
Mug Night - 6-10pm
Bring your own mug and receive your choice of domestic draft beer or soda (up to 32 oz) for \$1.75! Don't have a Mug? Come in and inquire how to get a custom engraved mug!

Cabanas
FORE OF THE BIG KAWAII

Cabanas Special every Sunday
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.90

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas March
Lunch Time Special
6" Outrigger #1 Sandwich with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$4.50

Now through July the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85* WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!
1100-1300 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) 1100-1300
*Soup and Salad Bar included or available separately for \$6.75 (\$4.75 mbrs)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Fabulous Pasta Station & Meats	Catfish Buffet & Meats

Specials for members under 21
All non-alcoholic beverages are 1/2 price all the time!

With the club's **D-M "Z" Membership Program**, any member under 21 who maintains their D-M membership can receive up to \$300 in credit toward their 21st birthday party at the club! Maintain 3 mos: \$75, 6 mos: \$150, 1-Yr plus: \$300 toward your party! Ask your club manager today about using your D-M "Z" credit!